

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **105-222**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-25-51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-26, 28-50; 1-24-51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES E. LeCLAIR jcl</b>
TITLE <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Organization not known to reliable confidential informants in Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati, all Ohio. Check of Cincinnati indices negative.

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**DETAILS:**

All the confidential informants hereinafter mentioned are familiar with organizations sympathetic to Marxism-Leninism and are of known reliability.

Confidential Informants T-1, T-2 and T-3 advised "Friends of New Yugoslavia" is not known to be active in the vicinity of Columbus, Ohio.

Confidential Informant T-4 said the organization is not known to be active in the Dayton, Ohio area.

Confidential Informants T-5, T-6 and T-7 said the organization is not known to have any followers in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A check of the indices of the Cincinnati Office failed to reveal any previous information concerning "Friends of New Yugoslavia."

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Investigation at Columbus was conducted by Special Agent JOHN E. MULVIHILL on December 28, 1950.

Investigation at Dayton was conducted by Special Agent HARLAND D. SHAW on December 26, 1950.

This case is being maintained in a Pending status inasmuch as additional time is necessary to complete investigation at Steubenville which covers the Ohio Valley area. It is believed this section is potentially the most fertile field in the Cincinnati territory for a foreign language organization such as "Friends of New Yugoslavia."

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LEAD PAGE

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE

AT STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

Will contact all logical confidential informants, and confidential sources of information in the Ohio Valley area for information concerning "Friends of New Yugoslavia." In the event the organization is known to Informants, will ascertain the extent of its influence upon the Yugoslav element, and attempt to identify its members, officers and units.

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INFORMANT PAGE

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to New York dated 12-6-50.

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NK 105-577-21

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/25/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/20, 21, 22/50 1/3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN R. BRETT</b>
TITLE <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

One unknown Informant states organization has a chapter in Newark. No information available in indices and other Informants state organization unknown to them. LOUIS ADAMIC, well-known pro-Tito writer, resides in NJ. Further leads to be followed.

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## DETAILS:

Mr. STEPHEN SHUMEYKO, Editor of the "Soboda", a daily Ukrainian language paper, with offices at 83 Grand Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, made numerous contacts in an effort to locate some information on subject organization. SHUMEYKO advised that everyone he contacted did not have any knowledge of the organization with one exception. This exception was an Informant in New York City, whom he declined to name, and who told him that there was a chapter of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA located in Newark. He was unable to furnish any further information concerning this chapter. Mr. SHUMEYKO suggested he be recontacted in another week, and in the meantime he advised he would make further efforts to get some information on this organization.

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SHUMEYKO stated that the Serb National Federation, which publishes a Serbian newspaper at 3414 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, 13, Pennsylvania, should have complete information on this organization and its various locations throughout the country. Mr. SHUMEYKO stated it would be all right for us to contact this paper and suggested that it be done for more complete information.

Mr. STANLEY WESOLOWSKI, Editor of the Kronika Printing Press, 336 Hunderton Street, Newark, New Jersey, was contacted on two occasions but had no information concerning subject organization and was unable to locate any information on it.

Lieutenant JOHN OWENS, Head of the Subversive Squad, Newark, New Jersey Police Department, advised he had no information and no knowledge of the subject organization.

FRANK DWYER, NA, Chief Investigator for the Essex County's Sheriff's Office, stated he had no record of subject organization in their subversive files.

Monsignor HUGHES, Chancery Office, Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey, advised he had no Yugoslavian contacts and suggested that Father GRACIK be contacted.

Father GRACIK, Saint Stephen's Rectory, 318 Morris Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, stated he had no Yugoslavian contacts; however, he would try to get some information on the subject organization, and suggested he be contacted the latter part of January.

JOHN MATTESSICH, Owner of a tavern known as Slavonia Hall, 319 Adams Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, advised the greatest number of Yugoslavs in New Jersey are concentrated in the Hoboken-Union City Area. MATTESSICH stated he had been approached fairly recently to take out a subscription for "Novi List" and had taken a one-year subscription. He stated he did not know the men who was soliciting these subscriptions but it was his understanding that he was from New York. Mr. MATTESSICH stated he had not read "Novi List" thoroughly and had never heard of the subject organization. He stated, however, he should hear of any such organization which might start up in that area as he is very active among the Yugoslavs. He stated he had heard some rumors of a new organization being formed, but he had no

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idea what its name was at this time. He suggested that he be recontacted around the first of February and in the meantime he would make an effort to get some definite information concerning the subject organization.

Mr. WILLIAM CAHOON, Investigator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1060 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, advised his office had no information concerning this organization.

It is noted that LOUIS ADAMIC is now residing at RFD #1, Millford, New Jersey. In November 1949, Confidential Informant Newark T-1, of known reliability, made available a copy of LOUIS ADAMIC's statement of his visit to Yugoslavia. This statement reflected ADAMIC spent eight months in Europe, six of them in Yugoslavia, and also reflected he had long talks and meetings with Marshal TITO, and other Yugoslavian leaders. This statement also said that ADAMIC intended to write a book entitled, "Tito" and he stated the conflict with the Kremlin was inevitable and that from a moral and political point of view Yugoslavia is correct.

On May 26, 1950 Confidential Informant T-2 and T-3, of known reliability, advised ADAMIC had been a close friend of Lieutenant Kardelj, an adviser to TITO, and that TITO had always been at odds with the Stalinites regarding the Trotskyite issues; and further that ADAMIC was Liaison Officer between TITO and the Trotskyites in order to unite them behind TITO as true Marxists.

Indices of the Newark Field Division were checked but no information was located concerning this organization.

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LEAD PAGE

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

If deemed advisable by the Pittsburgh Office, they will contact the Serb National Federation located at 3414 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania, for any information they may have concerning this organization.

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NEWARK DIVISION

At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will recontact STEVEN SHUMAYKO, 83 Grand Street, for any further information he may have been able to develop.

At Hoboken, New Jersey

Will recontact JOHN MATTESSICH, 319 Adams Street, for any further information he may have been able to develop.

At Newark, New Jersey

Will recontact Father GRACIK, 318 Morris Avenue, for any further information he may have been able to develop.

Will contact Mr. THEODORE KASKIW, Manager of the Ukrainian Center, 180 Williams Street, for any information he may have concerning this organization.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1 is a photostatic copy of a report of the subject's statement which was prepared by the Yugoslavian Embassy, London, England, and made available to the Bureau by the Bureau's London Representative. This information was furnished to Newark by the Bureau by letter dated November 29, 1949.

T-2 is Pittsburgh Informant .

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T-3 is Pittsburgh Informant .

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York dated December 6, 1950.

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FILE NO. **105-516**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/31/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/26, 29, 31/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ARTHUR R. STEVENS</b> <span style="float: right;">maw</span>
TITLE <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No information re Friends of New Yugoslavia in Boston, Mass.

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**DETAILS:**

MR. DUSHAN VUYANOVICH, 743 Watertown St., Newtonville, Mass. stated he was active in the Yugoslavian Relief Organization in Boston, Mass. during the early years of World War II. He advised that this organization went out of existence at about the time TITO came into power and advised that since that time there has been no Yugoslavian organization in this area to his knowledge. He stated there are very few Serbs, Croats and Slovenes in New England and that the few who do live here are non-political. He stated he has never heard of the organization Friends of New Yugoslavia.

MRS. ARAXIE LEVIN, case worker for the International Institute, Boston, Mass. and MRS. PAULINE GARDESCU, Executive Director of the International Institute stated they have never heard of instant organization.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The indices of the Boston Office were found to contain no information concerning the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau to New York dated 12/6/50.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent CAROLD R. FITZGERALD dated September 29, 1950, at Chicago, Illinois; Chicago letter of January 10, 1951, and report of Special Agent RICHARD D. COTTER dated January 9, 1951, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The information set forth in the report of Special Agent FITZGERALD reflected that subject organization was inactive in the Chicago area at this time and that former members have been absorbed into a newly formed organization - Friends of New Yugoslavia.

The Chicago letter of January 10th confirmed the fact that subject organization has ceased to exist in the Chicago area. This fact is further substantiated by Pittsburgh report.

No additional information has been developed in this area pertaining to captioned organization and this case is therefore being placed in an RUC status in this area.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Rerep Special Agent Eugene A. Brennan January 3, 1951.

The status should have been R.U.C. This change has been made at the Bureau and other copies of rerep should be changed accordingly.

If your informants subsequently advise that subject organization has become active in your territory this case is to be reopened and the appropriate information furnished in report form.

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cc - New York

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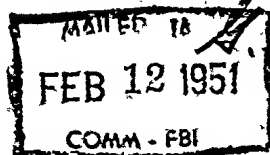
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INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Rerop Special Agent Jeremiah J. Hurley December 23,  
1950.

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of your reports in this case.

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In view of the reported interest by the SMP in subject organization you are instructed to surep quarterly starting April 1, 1951, furnishing nine copies of urep to the Bureau.

cc - New York

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: February 13, 1951

SUBJECT: 0 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU  
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Rebulet to New York, 12-6-50, and report of SA JOHN M. PAGE,  
Pittsburgh, 1-13-51.

Since the investigation at Pittsburgh has disclosed no active organization of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in this area, this investigation has been placed in an RUC status, subject to re-opening if information is received indicating any activity of the organization.

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Made at PITTSBURGH	Date 2-13-51	Period 12-27, 28-50; 1-26-51	Made by JOHN M. PAGE
Title 0 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Synopsis:

No information developed through confidential sources indicating an active organization in Pittsburgh area known as Friends of New Yugoslavia. One source advised that small group of Yugoslav Americans occasionally gather to see film of Yugoslavia but that this group is strictly a social group and there is no organization involved. CNDI's at Pittsburgh advise that in June, 1950, SWP interested in locating members of Friends of New Yugoslavia, however, no indication that this was accomplished.

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T-1, of known reliability, on December 28, 1950, stated that he is aware of the Friends of New Yugoslavia organization, having read articles concerning the organization in the "Novi List," a pro-TITO Yugoslavian newspaper, published in New York. T-1 stated that there is no active Friends of New Yugoslavia in the Pittsburgh area but that on occasion several individuals, including the informant, who are interested in the general conditions and welfare of the Yugoslavian people, have gathered informally

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of an evening to visit and view a Yugoslav news film. T-1 pointed out that these gatherings, which have been very infrequent, were always of a social type; that the group has never been established as a club, and that the group has no officers nor collects any dues.


T-1 stated that in the event this group became an active organization, the information would be immediately furnished to the FBI.

T-2, of known reliability, stated that the Friends of New Yugoslavia was not an organization active in the Pittsburgh area insofar as he knew. T-2 stated that on very infrequent occasions Yugoslav films have been shown in the Pittsburgh area, but that to his knowledge these films have never been sponsored by any particular organization. T-1 stated that these shows were given at social gatherings attended by persons mutually interested in the general welfare of the Yugoslavian people. T-2 stated that in the event any information came to his attention concerning an active organization of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in the Pittsburgh area, he would immediately furnish the information to the Pittsburgh Office.

T-3, of known reliability, on December 28, 1950, advised that he had no knowledge of any organization known as Friends of New Yugoslavia; however, the informant stated that he would make inquiry concerning the matter of various sources available to him. T-3 was recontacted January 26, 1951, and advised that he learned that this organization centered in New York and hoped to establish committees or clubs in various Yugoslav centers in the United States. T-3 stated that he had received no information indicating that a club had been established, or that any attempt had been made to establish a club in the Pittsburgh area. T-3 stated that if any information concerning this matter came to his attention at a subsequent date, he would immediately furnish the information to this office.

T-4, of known reliability, advised that he had no knowledge of the Friends of New Yugoslavia being an active organization in the Pittsburgh area.

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 of known reliability, advised that on June 15, 1950, ELOISE GORDON, Pittsburgh branch organizer and alternate National Committee member of the Socialist Workers Party, had been trying to locate someone in Pittsburgh associated with the Friends of New Yugoslavia group, but had been unable to do so. The informant advised that GORDON's interest in this organization was in keeping with the Socialist Workers Party's policy of continually endeavoring to infiltrate into Slavic nationality groups. T-5 was recontacted December 28, 1950, at which time the informant stated no further information had been received concerning this organization. ✓

It is noted that the Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

New York

FILE NO.

105-147

REPORT MADE AT  Indianapolis	DATE WHEN MADE 2/10/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/29/50; 1/5, 26, 29/51	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES W. GRUBB CHICAGO
TITLE  FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA		CHARACTER OF CASE  INTERNAL SECURITY - YU	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:.			
<p>Informants advise subject organization has not appeared in Lake County, Indiana.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G. I. R. -7</p> <p>4-1</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT GARY, INDIANA</u></p> <p>Confidential Informant Indianapolis T-1, of known reliability, with respect to activities among the Croats in Gary, Indiana, advised that he had not heard of subject organization.</p> <p>Confidential Informant Indianapolis T-2, of known reliability, with respect to Communist Party activities among the Serbs and Croats in Gary, Indiana, advised that he had no information concerning the existence of the subject organization.</p> <p>Confidential Informant Indianapolis T-3, of known reliability, with respect to activities among the Serbs of Gary, Indiana, advised that he had no information concerning subject organization.</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED R472 MAR 26 1963</p> <p>Confidential Informant Indianapolis T-4, of known reliability, with respect to activities among the Serbs of Gary, Indiana, advised</p>			
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that he had no information concerning subject organization.

Each of the informants was requested to be alert for such an organization, and each was re-contacted. None of the informants had gained any knowledge of the existence of the organization in Lake County, Indiana, which consists of Gary, East Chicago, Hammond, and Whiting, Indiana, which area includes nearly all of the members of the Yugoslav colony in Indiana.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: 2/17/51

FROM: SAC, New York.

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA,  
INTERNAL SECURITY-YU.  
(Bufile 100-365595)

Reference is made to the letter of the New York Office to the Bureau dated 1/12/51.

An unavoidable delay has occurred in the preparation of a report in captioned matter because of other expedite work which had to be handled by the agent to whom this case is assigned. However, the preparation of this report has now been completed and a report will be dictated and should reach the Bureau no later than February 28.

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TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: 2/20/51

FROM : SAC, New York.

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA,  
INTERNAL SECURITY-YU.  
(Bufile 100-365595)

This is to advise the Bureau that investigation in this case has been completed and a report prepared for dictation. Immediately upon transcription of the stenographic notes the report will be submitted to the Bureau.

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TO: Director, FBI.

DATE: 2/14/51

FROM: SAC, New York.

SUBJECT: SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY,  
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(Bufile 100-153262)

Reference is made to O-1 form letter dated 2/12/51 instructing this office to immediately submit a report in captioned matter.

This is to advise the Bureau that the agent to whom Yugoslav matters were assigned has been transferred to applicant type investigations. As a result all Internal Security - Yu Matters had to be reassigned and the agent now handling these cases is presently engaged in bringing these investigations up to date. These cases involve nine organizations and reports are presently being prepared and will be submitted shortly in the following matters:

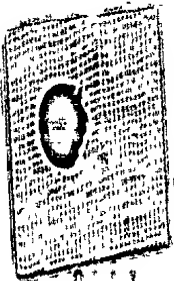
"Novi List"; "Glas Naroda"; "Friends of New Yugoslavia".

It is felt that the aforementioned case should receive preferential treatment in view of their importance within the pro-Tito movement in this country. Immediately upon completion of these reports the captioned matter will be handled and a report submitted without delay.

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<b>TITLE</b> <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Organization not known to reliable confidential informants in Bellaire, Ohio or Steubenville, Ohio.

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**DETAILS:**

All the Confidential Informants hereinafter mentioned are familiar with organizations sympathetic to Marxism-Leninism, and are of known reliability.

Confidential Informant T-8 advised that "Friends of New Yugoslavia" is not known to be active in the vicinity of Bellaire, Ohio.

Confidential Informants T-9 and T-10 stated they knew of no activity on the part of subject organization in the vicinity of Steubenville, Ohio.

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TITLE <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

No further information developed indicating subject organization has branch in N.J.

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**DETAILS:**

Mr. STEPHEN SHUMEYKO, Editor of Soboda, a Ukrainian language daily newspaper, was recontacted, but could furnish no further information. On this recontact Mr. SHUMEYKO called a Mr. CHYZ, Director of the Common Council for American Unity in New York City. SHUMEYKO advised that CHYZ is particularly well acquainted with the activities of all language groups in the New York area since it is his business to keep up with them.

Mr. CHYZ advised that he was familiar with the Novi List and also the Glasnaroda, a Slovene newspaper which is financed by the same source that finances the Novi List.

CHYZ advised, however, that he had not heard of any information concerning the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Mr. JOHN MATTESSICH, 319 Adam Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, was recontacted and he advised he had made inquiries concerning the subject organization but as far as he could determine there is no activity along this line.

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He stated he felt confident that if they had a branch anyplace in northern New Jersey he would know of it and he has heard nothing to indicate that they are organizing a branch in New Jersey.

Father GRACIK, 318 Morris Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, advised he is the Pastor of St. Stephens Rectory, but stated he had been unable to obtain any information concerning the subject organization. Father GRACIK stated that he did not have any Yugoslavian contacts and none of his other sources of information could furnish any information concerning the subject organization.

Mr. THEO KASKIN, President of the Ukrainian Center, 180 William Street, Newark, New Jersey, advised he had no information whatsoever on any kind of Yugoslavian activity in this area.

Mrs. ANNA KUZMANICK, 1409 Rose Street, Camden, New Jersey, has furnished information in the past to this office on Yugoslavian matters and Communist matters in the Camden area. Upon interview, however, she stated she had never heard of the Friends of New Yugoslavia and to her knowledge there is no such organization in the Camden area.

Inasmuch as there is presently no indication that the subject organization has a branch in the New Jersey area, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE: Report SA JOHN R. BRETT, 1/25/51, Newark, N.J.

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TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: 3/3/51

FROM : SAC, New York.

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TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject organization founded on 12/13/49 in NYC by a group of American citizens of Yugoslav extraction for the purpose of propagandizing the regime of Marshal Tito in this country, particularly among Yugoslav-Americans. Subject organization has full support of official representatives of Tito Government in this country who frequently appear as guest speakers at functions of FNY. Total membership in NYC said to be approximately 280 with branches maintained in various cities throughout the US. NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman, and JOSIP KUSTERA, Vice-President, former CP USA members, visited Yugoslavia in 1950 at the invitation and expense of the Tito Government. Other officials identified. FNY engaged in consistent efforts to increase circulation and raise funds for "Novi List," pro-Tito newspaper published in NYC in the Croatian and Slovene language. Other activities in support of Tito regime consist in the showing of Yugoslav films and lectures. Socialist Workers Party maintains close contact with subject organization and in May, 1950, was actively engaged in recruiting participants for a two month trip to Yugoslavia to be conducted under the auspices of FNY.

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DETAILS: For the sake of brevity, captioned organization will be referred to in this report as FNY.

### I. ORIGIN AND SCOPE

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on July 18, 1950, that at the time of the dissolution of the United Committee of South Slavic-Americans, its leaders were contemplating the organization of a group to be known as American Friends of Yugoslavia. It was the belief of the informant that the captioned organization was a direct outgrowth of this plan..

It is to be noted that the United Committee of South Slavic-Americans was cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on July 5, 1950, that the club FNY is a new pro-Tito, pro-Yugoslav organization formed as a result of efforts on the part of individuals of Yugoslav extraction [redacted] sympathetic to the Tito regime in Yugoslavia. The informant stated that the majority of the work of the organization is carried out through the publication "Novi List."

Regarding "Novi List," it is to be noted that this is a bi-weekly newspaper published in New York City in the Croatian and Slovene language. This paper was described by Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, as a pro-Tito propaganda organ which is being edited in accordance with the directives and policies of the official representatives of the Tito Government in this country. This informant stated on December 8, 1949, that according to ANNA KRASNA, Editor of the Slovenian Section of "Novi List" no information, report or article could be published in this paper without the prior approval of some official of Tanjug, official Yugoslav News Agency in the United States, which agency is registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

On January 12, 1951, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised he was told by people who are connected with the Communist Party faction in Yugoslav circles in New York City, that the split in the ranks of the Communist unit among Yugoslavs in this country is quite severe and it looks as if the pro-Tito ranks are gaining more strength as time passes.

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The informant stated that his Yugoslav contacts further advised that they suspect that the Tito representatives are quite active in Yugoslav organizations and communities in the United States and are trying to swing or influence a number of Yugoslav people who are following the middle road over to the pro-Tito ranks.

Confidential Informant T-3 reported on January 18, 1951, that during 1949 and as a result of instructions received from the Tito Government in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Consul General, MIODRAG MARKOVIC, with the backing of Tanjug, official Yugoslav News Agency, and "Novi List" took positive steps to win the greatest possible number of Americans of Yugoslav extraction over to the forces of the Tito regime. The informant stated that the founding of the club FNY in December, 1949, was one of the steps taken in this direction and was camouflaged as an effort on the part of Americans of Yugoslav extraction to strengthen the ties between the United States and the old country.

The informant stated that following extensive preparations and discussions the club FNY came into being at a meeting of Yugoslav-Americans on December 13, 1949, at the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. This meeting was attended by approximately sixty persons of Yugoslav extraction and NIKOLA TELESMANIC explained the purpose of the rally by pointing out the need for a new mass organization dedicated to bring about closer ties between Americans of Yugoslav descent among themselves and with their country of origin. All present indicated their approval and the rally then proceeded to elect the officers of the new organization.

## II. OFFICERS

Confidential Informant T-3 stated that the following individuals were elected officers of the club FNY at the meeting held on December 13, 1949, at the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City:

Chairman	NIKOLA TELESMANIC
Vice-Chairman	JOSIP KUSTERA
Secretary	MIHO MASAROVIC
Second Secretary	JARRY SALAMUN
Treasurer	NIKOLA GRUBELIC

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The informant stated that the following were elected to be members of an Advisory Committee:

Chairman  
Members

PETER ANDRIC  
Mrs. KATICA GARMA  
ANTUN PAVICIC  
LJUBO VLAKIC  
MRS. BETTY RADOS

NIKOLA TELESMANIC

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on February 14, 1951, that NIKOLA TELESMANIC is a former member of the Communist Party USA and that following the split between Marshal Tito and the Cominform, TELESMANIC became extremely active as a Tito supporter in Yugoslav circles in this city. The informant further stated that TELESMANIC, in May, 1950, departed from New York on a three month trip to Yugoslavia at the invitation and at the expense of the Yugoslav Government. The informant stated that TELESMANIC is a confirmed Marxist and in full accord with the socialistic and Marxist aspects of the Tito regime. The informant further pointed out that TELESMANIC is one of the original stockholders of the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, which the informant described as a gathering place for numerous Communist and Communist controlled organizations.

According to information furnished by Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, NIKOLA TELESMANIC resides at 23-57 33rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York.

Certificate of Incorporation Number 7302, dated August 2, 1949, failed with the County Clerk's Office, New York City, reflects that NIKOLA TELESMANIC, 23-57 33rd Street, Long Island City, New York, is a Director of "Novi List." The October 12, 1949 issue of "Novi List" lists NIKOLA TELESMANIC as Assistant Secretary of that newspaper.

JOSIP KUSTERA

On July 15, 1947, Confidential Informant T-6, of unknown reliability, advised that J. KUSTERA applied for entrance at the West Side School of the Communist Party in New York City. KUSTERA claimed at that time to be a group captain in the Glumak Club, Chelsea

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Section, of the New York City Communist Party. KUSTERA also claimed to be an unemployed counterman, having been in the Communist movement for six months and resided then at 421 West 42nd Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised on May 26, 1948, that J. KUSTERA attended the meeting of the West Midtown Section of the CP on May 26, 1948, and agreed to work on longshore concentration.

Mrs. JUNE KELLY, 2130 Belmont Avenue, New York City, stated in the Summer of 1948 that on several occasions she was engaged in conversations with the wife of JOSIP KUSTERA. Mrs. KUSTERA made the statement at that time that her husband was a Communist. Mrs. KELLY continued that Mrs. KUSTERA, who was a fellow tenant of years at 2130 Belmont Avenue, New York City, advised her in July, 1948, that KUSTERA went to Chicago to attend some sort of a Communist campaign.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on February 14, 1951, that JOSIP KUSTERA, in 1946 or 1947, attended a three month course at a CP school in New York City and that he was an avowed member of the Communist Party USA before becoming a follower of Tito in 1948. The informant stated that KUSTERA is a stockholder in the Yugoslav-American Home and that in May, 1950, he went on a three month trip to Yugoslavia at the invitation and expense of the Yugoslav Government. While in Yugoslavia, KUSTERA, according to the informant, attended a political-ideological school.

#### MIHO MARASOVIC

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on February 14, 1951, that MIHO MARASOVIC is a stockholder in the Yugoslav-American Home and that he maintains close personal contacts with the official representatives of the Tito Government. The informant further stated he had personally observed MARASOVIC in attendance at numerous meetings of pro-Tito groups in New York City.



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JARRY SALAMUN

T-3 stated that JARRY SALAMUN is a former member of the Communist Party, USA, and that he had attended a Communist Party school in New York City in 1946. The informant stated that SALAMUN is an avowed Marxist and that up to January 15, 1951, he was an official of the Yugoslav Information Center in New York City, which is an official agency of the Yugoslav Government. According to the informant, SALAMUN is at present a student in the Moscow, Idaho College.

NIKOLA GRUBELIC

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that NIKOLA GRUBELIC is a stockholder in the Yugoslav-American Home and that he is well known among Yugoslavs in this country as an ardent supporter of the regime of Marshal Tito. The informant stated that GRUBELIC regularly attends the functions at the Yugoslav Consulate in New York City and that he has been extremely active in the subscription drives of "Novi List."

PETER ANDRIC

According to Confidential Informant T-3, PETER ANDRIC attended the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City, held at the Home on January 13, 1951. At this meeting a majority of those in attendance were pro-Cominform people and succeeded in re-electing a pro-Cominform administration. They were opposed in this by a minority of pro-Titoists and PETER ANDRIC was a member of the latter group.

The informant further stated that ANDRIC was observed attending an official reception held in the Ritz Carleton Hotel, New York City, on November 4, 1950, in honor of the Yugoslav Foreign Minister KARDELJ. This affair was held under the sponsorship of the permanent Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations.

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KATICA GARMA

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that KATICA GARMA is the wife of ANTE GARMA, a well-to-do automobile dealer in New York City. The informant stated that KATICA GARMA has, in the past, made considerable financial contributions to "Novi List" and other pro-Tito organizations. The informant stated that KATICA GARMA is very active in the pro-Tito organization known as the American-Yugoslav Women's Club in New York City.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that Mr. and Mrs. ANTE GARMA were in close contact with MIRODRAG MARKOVIC, Yugoslav Consul General in New York City and that GARMA was scheduled to meet MARKOVIC at his hotel in New York City on October 16, 1948.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on December 1, 1949, that ANTE GARMA, of 6600 Broadway, West New York, New Jersey, was a supporter of Marshal Tito and active in pro-Tito Communist activities in New York City.

ANTUN PAVICIC

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that he, personally, has observed PAVICIC in attendance at numerous affairs of pro-Tito organizations in New York City and that PAVICIC is active in pro-Tito affairs.

LJUBO VLAKIC

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that VLAKIC is known to him as a supporter of the Tito regime in Yugoslavia and that he regularly attends all meetings of pro-Tito groups at the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

BETTY RADOS

Confidential Informant T-3 reported on February 14, 1951, that BETTY RADOS is very active in the pro-Tito groups in New York City and especially in the American-Yugoslav Women's Club. He further stated that BETTY RADOS was a speaker at the recent annual stockholders meeting at the American-Yugoslav Home. The informant reported that in her speech, she attacked the supporters of Moscow and the Cominform among American-Yugoslavs. The informant stated that BETTY RADOS is the wife of Captain ANTON RADOS.

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Regarding ANTON RADOS, the informant stated on December 14, 1949, that to his knowledge ANTON RADOS was never a member of the Communist Party but before the Russian-Yugoslav split he was a member of the Yugoslav Seamen's Group. According to the informant, this club is a highly important pro-Cominform Communist group among the Yugoslav nationalists in the United States. The informant advised that RADOS was very active in founding "Novi List" and that in 1950 he was in close contact with SIAVKO ZORE, Counsellor of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D.C.

On February 1, 1951, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the aforelisted officials of the Club FNY were maintained in office for an indefinite period at a membership meeting held on January 26, 1951, at the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City, at which time it was decided to postpone the election of a new administration to some time in the future. No date was set for this election.

### III. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

"Novi List," issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4, and 5, sets forth the purpose of Friends of New Yugoslavia as follows:

- (1) To strengthen friendly relations between the United States and Yugoslavia and to urge Americans of Yugoslav descent to condemn the conflict forced upon Yugoslavs by the Cominform;
- (2) In order that basic aims should be carried out, the club should develop interest in the activities of the group by showing of Yugoslav films and giving of lectures concerning the conflict of the Cominform and the Yugoslav Government.
- (3) The article points out that FNY condemns the newspapers, "Danica," "American Sbrobran," "Narodni Glasnik," and "Slobodna Rec," and stated that the club would popularize and spread "Novi List" which it considers as its official organ.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on January 8, 1951, that the newspaper "Danica" is an anti-Communist Croatia newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, which is bitterly anti-Tito in its political views.

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The newspaper, "American Sbrobran" is an anti-Communist and anti-Tito, Serbian newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, according to information furnished by Confidential Informant T-9.

This informant also pointed out that "Narodni Glasnik" is a Croation newspaper published at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which regularly follows the pro-Stalin Communist Party line and has been known to bitterly denounce pro-Tito views.

Regarding "Slobodna Rec," this informant advised on January 12, 1951, that this is a Serbian newspaper which is being published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and which consistently follows the Communist Party line.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on January 18, 1951, that the aims of FNY were stipulated as follows at the meeting held on December 13, 1949, at the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City. The club proposes to work among American citizens of Yugoslav descent in the cultural and political fields, to hold social functions such as concerts, dances, etc., and to use these gatherings as an appropriate means for spreading information on the background of the Cominform-Tito split and on the progress of socialism in Yugoslavia; this information is to be spread through lectures and the showing of Yugoslav made motion pictures.

Another basic purpose of FNY, which according to the informant was explained in the aforementioned meeting, was to be the refuting of anti-Tito articles appearing in such Serbian and Croation language papers as "American Sbrobran," "Danica," "Narodni Glasnik," and "Slobodna Rec."

The informant further stated it was decided at this meeting that monthly membership dues were to be 25¢. The informant further pointed out that the club FNY has no written constitution or by-laws and that the activities of the organization were to be based entirely on the above decisions regarding the aims and purposes of the club and on additional resolutions as may be passed by the membership from time to time in the future.

The December 23, 1949 issue of "Novi List," page 3, columns 1 and 2, carried an article under the heading, "Club Friends of New Yugoslavia." It is stated in this article that in view of the international situation and in view of Yugoslavia's position in the world today several "good patriotic countrymen and friends of the Yugoslav people" feel the need for organizing a new club in New York for the

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purpose of gathering all those who in the past have been and now are good friends of Yugoslavia. It is stated in the article that such an organization, to be known as Friends of New Yugoslavia, was founded on December 13, 1949, at a public meeting at the Yugoslav-American Home and that approximately sixty people attended this meeting.

Concerning the scope of the club the article states that the organization will attempt to enlist "all our honest and patriotic countrymen who maintain warm feelings of sympathy for the old country and who understand the difficulties which Yugoslavia has to undergo on her way to freedom and independence and who approve leadership of new Yugoslavia and her attitude in the Cominform instigated conflict."

The article then goes on pointing out that a majority of Americans of Yugoslav extraction in this country for many years have belonged to a large number of social and benevolent organizations but that many of them had lost interest in their organizational life "because of the confusion caused by the Cominform." Furthermore, "many of our countrymen became disgusted as a result of the dirty work of the Cominform people who, in their contemptible ways, resort to every means within their grasp."

It is further stated that a great majority among Yugoslavs in this country have refused to listen to the lies that are being spread against the new Yugoslavia and the Yugoslav people. The article concludes with the statement that the new organization, Friends of New Yugoslavia, welcomes all those "who love their own people, their old country and who are opposed to the malicious work being carried on against Yugoslavia."

In the above cited article, it was also pointed out that at the meeting on December 13, 1949, NIKOLA TELESMANIC, the newly elected Chairman stated an effort will be made to enlist at least five hundred members. It is further stated in the article that "we feel certain that all people of good will will welcome the new organization, Friends of New Yugoslavia, and that they will join us and work with us toward the creation of better and closer ties among our countrymen here as well as between our countrymen in the old country. Yugoslavia today follows the right track inspite of the hostility and smear campaign emanating from the Cominform countries. We appeal to all of you brothers and sisters to join our new club; the sooner the better."

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#### IV. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

##### A. Membership Meetings and Social Functions

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on February 14, 1951, that the club FNY maintains no permanent headquarters at the present time. The informant stated that the meetings of the organization were first held in the premises occupied by "Novi List" at 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City. In 1950 and up to January, 1951, open and closed meetings were held in the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. However, following a decision to boycott the Yugoslav-American Home, due to its pro-Cominform attitude, meetings are now being held at the New Starlight Restaurant, 55 Irving Place, New York City. The informant stated that this restaurant is owned and operated by ALEXANDER JURIC, whom the informant described as one of the main organizers among the pro-Tito Yugoslav element in New York City. The informant stated that membership meetings are held at this place twice a month.

The informant further stated he was told by NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman, that the club FNY in February, 1951, had a total membership in New York City of approximately 280 members. T-3 stated that a majority of the members are Croations and Dalmations and that there are very few Serbs in the organization.

Regarding the activities of FNY the informant stated that these consist chiefly of closed membership meetings and social functions.

A review of "Novi List" reflects the following items concerning meetings and social functions of subject organization:

The April 5, 1950 issue, page 2, column 3 and 4, contains an item captioned, "From the Meeting of the Club Friends of New Yugoslavia in New York City." This article reflects that a meeting was held on March 15, 1950, at the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, and that the agenda included the following three items:

- (1) Means of popularizing "Novi List" among Yugoslavs in this country and of boosting the circulation of the paper.
- (2) Discussion of the forthcoming concert to be held under the sponsorship of FNY.

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(3) Support of the current "Novi List" subscription drive by selling 200 news subscriptions, selling 100 shares of "Novi List" and raising \$1500 for the "Novi List" fund.

The April 12, 1950 issue of "Novi List", page 2, columns 5 and 6, contained an announcement of a concert to be held Sunday, May 7, 1950, at the Yugoslav-American Home under the auspices of FNY. Another announcement of this concert appeared in the April 26, 1950 issue of "Novi List," page two, columns 2 and 3, and this announcement was repeated on May 4, 1950, page 2, columns 3 to 7, at which time it was stated that Captain A. RADOS, Previously identified in this report, is in charge of organizing the concert.

The May 18, 1950 issue of "Novi List" page 2, columns 4-8, contains an account of the May 7 concert reflecting that NIKOLA TELESMANIC was a speaker and stated that the people of Yugoslavia had for centuries fought for their freedom and against slavery. TELESMANIC said that this love of freedom now compels Yugoslavs to struggle against a campaign of lies and deformation which is being waged against the people of Yugoslavia and its leaders by several rulers in some of the "people's democracies."

This article further reflects that Dr. STOJAN PRIBICEVIC was another speaker who dealt chiefly with the struggle of the partisans against the German invader during World War II.

Regarding STOJAN PRIBICEVIC, it is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised in the Spring of 1948, that PRIBICEVIC was planning on returning to Yugoslavia on a visit. The informant stated that PRIBICEVIC was well thought of by the Yugoslav Government inasmuch as Consul General MARKOVIC granted his visa request immediately which was most unusual.

On December 14, 1949, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that PRIBICEVIC was attached to Marshal Tito's General Staff in Yugoslavia during World War II and was an American news correspondent who wrote articles for "Narodni Glasnik", and "Slobodna Rec" of 1916 East Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"Novi List," issue of June 8, 1950, page 6, columns 5-8, contains an article reflecting that Dr. STOJAN PRIBICEVIC was scheduled to leave the United States with his wife and daughter on the Yugoslav vessel "Serbia" leaving New York on June 22, 1950.

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"Novi List" of June 22, 1950, page 7, columns 6 and 7, carried an item reflecting that Dr. STOJAN PRIBICEVIC stated, upon his departure, that he would stay abroad for about one year and write articles for "Novi List" concerning various European countries and particularly concerning conditions in Yugoslavia.

Another speaker at the May 7, 1950 concert, held under the auspices of FNY, according to "Novi List" of March 18, 1950, was the Yugoslav Consul General MIODRAG MARKOVIC, who in his speech dealt exclusively with the industrialization program in Yugoslavia and with the progress made under the Tito regime in expanding and improving the school system in that country.

The July 27, 1950 issue of "Novi List" page 8, columns 1-3, contains an announcement to the effect that a picnic will be held on September 3, 1950, under the auspices of FNY. An account of this picnic appeared in the September 14, 1950 issue, page 2, columns 3-7, reflecting that the Yugoslav Ambassador, VLADO POPOVIC, was a speaker and stated that the people of Yugoslavia are fighting for peace and that the Tito Government is doing everything in its power in order to bring about closer relations of friendship and understanding between Yugoslavia and the USA.

ALEXANDER JURIC, President of "Novi List", in addressing the meeting attacked the Yugoslav papers "Narodni Glasnik" and "Slobodna Rec" which have previously been described in this report as following the Cominform line.

Concerning ALEXANDER JURIC, it is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-2 commented on numerous occasions in 1948 on the fact that ALEXANDER JURIC was supplying information to the Yugoslav Consul General MARKOVIC. The nature of this information consisted in the main of background and personal information pertaining to various individuals of Yugoslav extraction in whom MARKOVIC was interested.

The January 28, 1948 issue of "Narodni Glasnik," of 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, previously described in this report as a pro-Cominform paper, published an article announcing a 40th Anniversary Celebration of "Narodni Glasnik" to be held at the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City. ALEXANDER JURIC was listed as a speaker.

On March 2, 1949, Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised that on December 24, 1948, he visited the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City at which time he learned that ALEXANDER JURIC had severed all relations with this home and had sided with the Tito element against the Cominform.



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Confidential Informant T-21, of known reliability, advised on March 8, 1949, that ALEXANDER JURIC had been relieved of his position as Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the Yugoslav-American Home and had also been removed from the Board of Directors.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on December 1, 1949, that ALEXANDER JURIC is a staunch supporter of Marshal Tito and the Yugoslav Communist Party.

"Novi List," of November 9, 1950, page 1, columns 2 and 3, reflects that ALEXANDER JURIC was Chairman of a special committee under whose sponsorship a banquet was held November 4, 1950, at the Ritz Carleton Hotel, New York City, to honor the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, EDWARD KARDELY and the Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations. This article also reveals that NIKOLA TALESMANIC, Chairman of FNY, was a speaker at the banquet.

On January 27, 1951, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the club FNY held a closed membership meeting on January 26, 1951, at the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City. The informant reported on February 1, 1951, that the purpose of the above-mentioned meeting was to elect a new administration for subject organization but that the election had to be postponed to an unspecified later date due to the poor attendance at this meeting. In the mean time the present officers were to continue in office.

B. Showing of Yugoslav Motion Pictures

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the membership meetings of subject organization are primarily concerned with discussions regarding the developing of effective means to popularize the pro-Tito newspaper, "Novi List" and to increase its circulation. Furthermore, the informant stated that these meetings, as well as social functions, are frequently addressed by official representatives of the Yugoslav Government in this country and that on these and other occasions Yugoslav motion pictures are frequently being exhibited. The informant stated that the following are the titles of Yugoslav motion pictures which, in the recent past, were shown at affairs of FNY:

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"The Flag"  
"Life Belongs To Us"  
"The Life of the Dalmation Fishermen"  
"Youth Working On The Line Niksic - Titograd"  
"The First Tito Offensive"

The informant stated that all of the above pictures are propaganda films produced in Yugoslavia under the auspices of the Yugoslav Ministry of Information. The informant further stated that these films are being distributed in this country by "Yugoslavia Film", 816 Fifth Avenue, New York 21, New York. T-3 further stated that "Yugoslavia Film" is identical with the film division of the Yugoslav Information Center, 815 Fifth Avenue, which is an official agency of the Yugoslav Government. T-3 advised that he had learned the above facts from DUSAN JANKOVIC, a former employee of the Yugoslav Information Center.

Confidential Informant T-3 pointed out that these Yugoslav films are being loaned by the Yugoslav Information Center to various pro-Tito organizations in this country including FNY for a nominal fee of \$5 or less. The informant stated he has seen several of these motion pictures and considers them as a very effective means of propagandizing the Tito regime among Yugoslavs in this country.

A review of "Novi List" discloses that Yugoslav films were shown under the auspices of subject organization in Oakland, Chicago and Detroit on the following dates:

Oakland:

"Novi List" issue of April 5, 1950, (pg. 8, c. 1 and 2) carries an announcement that the motion pictures "An Unconquered People" and "Dalmation Fishermen" were to be shown under the auspices of FNY (PETAR CENGIJA, Chairman, and TED BORIS, Secretary) on April 16, 1950.

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Chicago:

"Novi List," of April 5, 1950, (p. 8, c. 1 and 2) announced that new Yugoslav films will be shown in Chicago on April 15, 1950, under the auspices of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

"Novi List," May 11, 1950, (p. 8, c. 1 and 2) carried an announcement to the effect that New Yugoslav films will be exhibited in South Chicago on May 13, under the auspices of NFY.

"Novi List" May 18, 1950, page 3, column 7, announced that New Yugoslav films will be shown on May 27 in Chicago under the sponsorship of FNY.

"Novi List," September 21, 1950, page 2, columns 5 and 6, contains an item to the effect that New Yugoslav films will be shown in Chicago on October 7, 1950, under the auspices of FNY.

Detroit:

"Novi List," April 19, 1950, page 8, columns 6 and 7, reflects an announcement by M. VREVIC on behalf of the club FNY in Detroit to the effect that New Yugoslav films will be shown by the club in the Detroit Area.

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V. CONNECTIONS WITH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

It is to be noted that the Socialist Workers Party was declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On February 14, 1951, Confidential Informant T-3 reported he recently had a conversation with JOSEPH ANDREW, a member of the Editorial Staff of "The Militant," a publication described by the informant as the unofficial organ of the Socialist Workers Party. The informant stated that during this conversation he was told by ANDREW that the Socialist Workers Party supports the Tito regime in Yugoslavia as well as pro-Tito activities in the United States. ANDREW continued stating that the Socialist Workers Party considers pro-Tito Communists as front line revolutionists and in accordance with this attitude continue close contacts with the club Friends of New Yugoslavia, particularly as regarding their fight against the Cominform and its American followers.

The informant further stated that during this conversation he learned from ANDREW that ALEXANDER JURIC, President of "Novi List" and NIKOLA TALESIMANIC, President of FNY, are the principal liaison men among the Yugoslav pro-Tito group and the Socialist Workers Party. The informant said that ALEXANDER JURIC also acts as liaison man between the Socialist Workers Party and the official representatives of the Yugoslav Government in USA. The informant further pointed out that "The Militant" frequently uses pro-Tito propaganda material furnished them by the Yugoslav Information Center.

Regarding "The Militant," it is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, has advised that this publication is a weekly newspaper controlled and staffed by members of the Socialist Workers Party and expresses the views of that Party.

The files of the New York Office reflect that on June 7, 1950, Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, furnished a report disclosing that the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, acting under instructions from their National Headquarters, in New York City, was then attempting to get a group of young people to travel to Yugoslavia, leaving New York City on July 20, 1950, and returning to the United States approximately September 14, 1950. This trip was to be sponsored by the club Friends of New Yugoslavia and it was stated that the purpose of the trip was to have these people get acquainted and

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report on conditions in Yugoslavia and specifically to refute accusations being leveled at the Government of Yugoslavia by Moscow. This informant further advised that he had learned the expenses of the group, while in Yugoslavia, were to be paid by the government of that country.

T-14 also advised on July 20, 1950, that the club FNY is a new Socialist Workers Party front group which had been formed to attract elements friendly to the Tito regime in Yugoslavia. The informant stated that this organization seeks to place American youth in direct contact with Yugoslavs. The group working in Philadelphia, according to the informant, advocated visiting parties to Yugoslav ships in American ports and was attempting to organize a pilgrimage of young Americans to Yugoslavia to be conducted from July to September, 1950.

On July 10, 1950, Confidential Informants T-15 and T-16, of known reliability, furnished a joint report reflecting that these informants visited Mountain Spring Camp, Washington, New Jersey, on June 30, 1950, to July 5, 1950, which camp is owned and operated by the Socialist Workers Party. The SWP members from New York, particularly seamen, according to the informants, stay at the camp and pay for their board by performing various duties at the camp.

The informants stated that there were several people in the camp who apparently did not belong to the SWP but that these people were in the company of other SWP members who had made the arrangements for them to be at the camp. The informants stated that one JEAN SIMON was introduced to them as a Secretary of Friends of New Yugoslavia and also as being connected with "Novi List." The informants advised that SIMON stated that the trip which had been planned for the workers brigade has been temporarily suspended because of the Korean war and that word is awaited from Europe whether the brigade should be sent later in the Summer. According to the informants, WILLIAM F. WARD, also known as GEORGE NOVACK, stated that there is a fear of Russia keeping America's attention diverted to Korea while the Russians prepare to march into Yugoslavia. The informants stated that SIMON remarked that "we don't want our bunch to go over there and get massacred."

The informants stated that SIMON remarked she was from the West Coast and the informants stated that there was a car with California plates, 1950 registration number 74A4724 at the camp.

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The informants stated that WILLIAM F. WARD remarked, upon his arrival at the camp on July 1, 1950, that the trip to Yugoslavia by the workers brigade was being held up until some definite information came to confirm the situation in Yugoslavia. WARD stated that it appeared as if STALIN was attempting to divert attention to Korea while the "real thing" would be his move into Yugoslavia.

"The Militant," issue of May 22, 1950, page 1, columns 1 and 2, carried a front page article under the caption, "United States Yugoslavs Back Tito Government Against Stalinism." It is stated in this article that the first rally sponsored by the Friends of New Yugoslavia on May 7, 1950, in New York City, attracted a capacity crowd of about one thousand while "a countermeeting, organized by Stalinists that afternoon in the same building, drew a meager crowd of fifty people."

It is further stated that the FNY rally consisted of a combination meeting and concert and was addressed by M. TALESMANIC, President of the organization; ALEXANDER JURIC, President of the Board of Directors of "Novi List" and MIODRAG MARKOVIC, the Yugoslav Consul General in New York City. It is pointed out in the article that the Kremlin's influence upon the Americans of Yugoslav descent has completely collapsed and that "the defection of class conscious Yugoslav Americans is a highly significant development. . . . since the overwhelming majority are industrial workers in the basic sectors of the American economy. "

In this connection it was noted that the May 25, 1950 issue of "Novi List" page 3, columns 6 and 7, contains an item reflecting that the Yugoslav film, "An Unconquered People," will be shown on June 2, 1950, at the Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party. The above film is described in the announcement as "a full length film with English titles describing the heroic struggle of the partisan movement and national liberation and socialism."

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LEADS

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will attempt to determine from what source and under what circumstances the Chicago Branch of the Friends of New Yugoslavia has obtained new Yugoslav films which were shown in Chicago on April 15, May 13, May 27, September 21, and October 7, 1950.

DETROIT

At Detroit, Michigan

Will attempt to determine whether Yugoslav films have been exhibited in the Detroit Area under the auspices of the subject organization and, if so, from what source and under what circumstances these films were obtained.

SAN FRANCISCO

At San Francisco, California

Will attempt to determine the source from which Yugoslav films were obtained by the Oakland Branch of the Friends of New Yugoslavia, which films were shown in Oakland, California, on April 16, 1950.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will check the records of the Passport Division of the Department of State with the view of obtaining all of the pertinent information from passport applications of NIKOLA TALESMANIC and JOSIP KUSTERA, both of New York City, in connection with their trip to Yugoslavia in May, 1950.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will attempt to locate a bank account maintained by subject organization in New York City with the view of monitoring such an account..

Will continue its investigation of subject organization with a view of determining the extent and nature of support and control exercised by the Yugoslav Government or its official representatives in this country..

Will determine and report connections existing between the subject organization and the Socialist Workers Party.

Will, through Confidential Informants, and through the continued review of "Novi List" and other pro-Tito organizations, determine and report the activities of subject organization.



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Enclosed herewith is a copy of the report of SA Heinrich Von Eckardt dated March 8, 1951, at New York, concerning the above-captioned organization.

Your attention is directed to information contained in the enclosure indicating Yugoslav Government representatives in the United States to be closely connected with subject organization and possibly responsible for its direction.

The following reports have previously been furnished in this case to the Records Administrative Branch:

Report of SA Jeremiah J. Hurley dated December 28, 1950, at Chicago, Illinois. (Serial 7)

Report of SA Clifford J. Nelson dated December 29, 1950, at Washington, D. C. (Serial 19)

Report of SA John D. O'Connell dated January 2, 1951, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Serial 10)

Report of SA Robert M. Smith dated January 10, 1951, at Detroit, Michigan. (Serial 16)

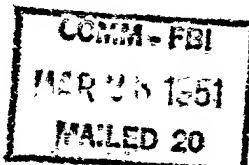
Report of SA Albert L. Pierce dated January 15, 1951, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Serial 22)

Report of SA John M. Page dated February 13, 1951, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (Serial 35)

Your advice is requested as to any indicated violations of the Registration Act and as to any further investigation believed desirable.

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